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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A body scrubbing apparatus for scrubbing parts of a body of a user not readily accessible during bathing, the body scrubbing apparatus comprising:

a handle member being adapted for being gripped by a hand of the user;

a head member being coupled to said handle member such that said head member is adapted for being positioned opposite the hand of the user when said handle member is being gripped by the user, a channel being formed in said head member, the channel having an opening in communication with an exterior of said head member; and

a scrubbing member being removably mounted to said head member, said scrubbing member being adapted for scrubbing against the user for facilitating cleaning of the user when said scrubbing member is mounted to said head member, said scrubbing member being replacable by removing said scrubbing member from said head member;

wherein said handle member includes a gripping portion for being gripped by the hand of the user and an extension portion for selectively increasing and decreasing an effective length of said handle member, said extension portion extending into the channel in said head member such that said head member is selectively positionable along a length of said extension member to selectively change a distance between said gripping portion and said head member;

a locking member coupled to said head member adjacent to the opening of said channel, said locking member being configured to selectively decrease a diameter of said channel at said opening to press against and frictionally engage an exterior of said handle member to resist

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movement of the extension portion relative to said head member, thereby fixing the effective length of said handle member;

said head member comprising a pair of channels extending into said head member, a pair of mounting members being coupled to said scrubbing member, one of said mounting members being selectively inserted into one of said channels of said head member to selectively mount said scrubbing member to said head member.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The body scrubbing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

said gripping portion comprising an arcuate portion and a straight portion, said straight portion being coupled to said extension portion, said arcuate portion being coupled to said straight portion opposite said extension portion, said arcuate portion being curved such that said arcuate portion is adapted for being gripped by the user to provide a comfortable grip for the user.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The body scrubbing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

said locking member extending around said extension portion, said locking member being threadably coupled to said head member such that rotation of said locking member in a first direction forces said head member against said extension portion of said handle member to frictionally engage said head portion to said extension portion to inhibit inadvertent sliding of said head member with respect to said extension portion of said handle member.

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6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The body scrubbing apparatus as set forth in claim [[[6]]] 1, further comprising:

each of said mounting members comprising a base portion and a securing portion, said base portion being coupled to said scrubbing member, said securing portion being coupled to said base portion of the associated one of said mounting members opposite said scrubbing member such that said securing portion is positioned at an angle to said base portion; and

each of said channels of said head member comprising a vertical portion and an angled portion, said angled portion being positioned at an angle to said vertical portion of the associated one of said channels, said vertical portion of each of said channels being for slidably receiving said base portion of the associated one of the mounting members such that said angled portion slidably receives said securing portion of the associated one of said mounting member, said securing portion being inhibited from being pulled through said vertical portion of the associated one of said channels to inhibit inadvertent separation of said scrubbing member from said head member.

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8. (Original) The body scrubbing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

said scrubbing member comprising a main portion and a plurality of bristles, said main portion being selectively mounted to said head member, each of said bristles being coupled to said main portion of said scrubbing member such that each of said bristles extending outwardly from said main portion, said bristles being adapted for scrubbing against the skin of the user to clean the skin of the user.

9. (Previously Presented) A body scrubbing apparatus for scrubbing parts of a body of a user not readily accessible during bathing, the body scrubbing apparatus comprising:

a handle member being adapted for being gripped by a hand of the user;

a head member being coupled to said handle member such that said head member is adapted for being positioned opposite the hand of the user when said handle member is being gripped by the user;

a scrubbing member being selectively mounted to said head member, said scrubbing member being adapted for scrubbing against the user for facilitating cleaning of the user when said scrubbing member is mounted to said head member, said scrubbing member being selectively replaced when said scrubbing member is removed from said head member;

said handle member comprising a gripping portion and an extension portion, said gripping portion being adapted for being gripped by the hand of the user, said gripping portion being coupled to said extension portion, said extension portion extending into said head member such that said head member is selectively positionable along a length of said extension member to selectively change a distance between said gripping portion and said head member to reach areas of the body not readily accessible;

said gripping portion comprising an arcuate portion and a straight portion, said straight portion being coupled to said extension portion, said

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arcuate portion being coupled to said straight portion opposite said extension portion, said arcuate portion being curved such that said arcuate portion is adapted for being gripped by the user to provide a comfortable grip for the user;

a locking member being operationally coupled to said head member, said locking member selectively engaging said extension portion such that said locking member is for inhibiting movement of said head member with respect to said extension portion when said locking member is actuated by the user to selectively engage said extension portion;

said locking member extending around said extension portion, said locking member being threadably coupled to said head member such that rotation of said locking member in a first direction forces said head member against said extension portion of said handle member to frictionally engage said head portion to said extension portion to inhibit inadvertent sliding of said head member with respect to said extension portion of said handle member;

said head member comprising a pair of channels extending into said head member, a pair of mounting members being coupled to said scrubbing member, one of said mounting members being selectively inserted into one of said channels of said head member to selectively mount said scrubbing member to said head member;

each of said mounting members comprising a base portion and a securing portion, said base portion being coupled to said scrubbing member, said securing portion being coupled to said base portion of the associated one of said mounting members opposite said scrubbing member such that said securing portion is positioned at an angle to said base portion;

each of said channels of said head member comprising a vertical portion and an angled portion, said angled portion being positioned at an angle to said vertical portion of the associated one of said channels, said vertical portion of each of said channels being for slidably receiving said base portion of the associated one of the mounting members such that said

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angled portion slidably receives said securing portion of the associated one of said mounting member, said securing portion being inhibited from being pulled through said vertical portion of the associated one of said channels to inhibit inadvertent separation of said scrubbing member from said head member; and

said scrubbing member comprising a main portion and a plurality of bristles, said main portion being selectively mounted to said head member, each of said bristles being coupled to said main portion of said scrubbing member such that each of said bristles extending outwardly from said main portion, said bristles being adapted for scrubbing against the skin of the user to clean the skin of the user.

10. (Previously Presented) The body scrubbing apparatus as set forth in claim 1, wherein said locking member is engagable by a hand of a user and is rotatable with respect to said handle member.